

Appl. No. 09/926,340
Amendment dated: December 21, 2004
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3. It is further noted that claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have made every effort to place the application in condition for allowance and have amended claims 5 and 6 as required by the Examiner. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the invention taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action. Claims 4-9 have been amended as required by the Examiner in the Official Action. Applicants most respectfully submit that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.


The rejection of claims 4 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been carefully considered but in view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed that the rejection has been obviated. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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